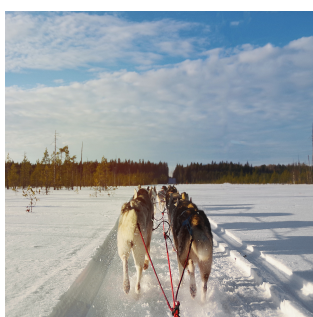


# Karelian weekend

Dog sledding and snowmobile tour



We invite you to spend your winter holidays in Karelia. It is not far from Moscow, but has so many options for outdoor activities. Take a ride on powerful snowmobiles along the lost forest trails. Feel yourself like a real musher, driving a team of charming huskies. Or enjoy the winter landscapes walking through the snow-covered taiga on snowshoes. There are also waterfalls, an ancient volcano and old wooden villages. You will return home full of energy and impressions.

# Experiences you'll have

## Weekend tour to Karelia

Your winter holidays in Karelia will be active and diverse. Just in 3 days you will try different types of outdoor activities:

you will go dog sledding, snowmobiling and snowshoeing along snow-covered lakes and forest trails  
discover the nature reserve of Karelia — see the crater of the ancient volcano Girvas, the picturesque rocks of Poor Porog and famous Kivach waterfall — one of the largest plain waterfalls in Europe  
visit ancient Karelian villages: look at the houses, churches and chapels of the Russian North  
taste national Karelian cuisine: kalitki, fish soup with cream, cranberries in sugar, liqueurs and jam made from northern berries

This winter program is good for a family weekend in Karelia. Riding a husky team in the woods, snowmobile excursions, snowshoeing, as well as hospitable locals and delicious Karelian specialities are waiting for you.

**We accept bookings for groups of 6 or more**

*We also recommend you to see a similar [winter route in Karelia](#): during this trip you will visit the island of Kizhi — a world famous open-air museum, which is included in the UNESCO world heritage list.*

## Itinerary

The journey begins in Petrozavodsk, where you should travel to on your own. We are ready to help with the purchase of tickets, if necessary, leave a comment in the application.

Meeting the group on the first day of the tour — at 7:50 am at the railway station of Petrozavodsk (by the time of arrival of the train №018 A from Moscow).

**Note:** the itinerary may slightly change due to weather conditions, but all the main elements of the program will be completed.

### Day 1

**You will be met at the railway station of Petrozavodsk and**

taken to a cafe for breakfast. Then you will move to the Kivach reserve, where you will see the second of the largest plain waterfalls in Europe, falling from a height of 11 m with four ledges.

**Then you will move to the village of Sopoha where a dog**

sledding tour will begin. Here you will meet with the musher, as well as will pick the gear and go some training. Dogs will race you through the picturesque forest along the ring route (10 km). After completing the route, you can take a photo with the huskies and go for a walk through the forest on snowshoes.

**In the forest, you will have a picnic by the fire and learn**

about a special recipe of cooking red fish on a log. You will also try traditional fish soup with cream.

**Then you will be taken to the base, where you will live for**


the next few days. Here you can stay in your rooms, relax, and have dinner in the restaurant in the evening.

**The length of the route is 10-12 km on dog sleds, 2-3 km**

on snowshoes.

Karelia

### Karelian weekend

Difficulty   
Age from 7 y.o.  
Group size from 4 to 16  
Duration 3 days

Accomodation at the trip



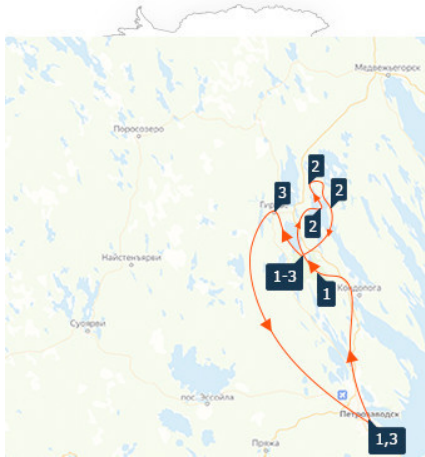
2 nights

Языки



guide guide

from 565 EUR



## Day 2

### After breakfast you will pick up your equipment and have a

safety briefing before driving a snowmobile and practice your skills in a training session.

### Your itinerary will start with a ride on snow-covered forest

trails. Then, you will pass frozen Sandal Lake and reach the Lychny Island. Here, the wooden church of Peter and Paul is located. This is the oldest church in Karelia — it was built in 1620. During a break, you will drink hot tea and taste cranberries in sugar.

### Next point of the route will be Mount Belaya ("White" in

Russian). More than a hundred years ago, Tivdia marble was mined here. It was used for the construction of buildings in St. Petersburg. Here, you will also see a marble church of the 19th century — it was designed by the architect of the Moscow Cathedral of Christ the Savior, Konstantin Ton.

### You will have lunch at a cozy cafe near the river. Here, you

will taste 7 types of vendace (northern fish). Also, the owner of the base will teach you how to fry red fish on a stone.

### On the way back, you will pass through several ancient

villages. They are called "asleep" because life here has almost stopped. In Oyazha village only one residential house remained. Near Ershi village you will see an old chapel.

### In the evening, you will return to the touristic complex,

have dinner and relax in a bathhouse.

## Day 3

### Today, snowmobiles will take you to the ancient volcano

Girvas, which is located in the riverbed of the Suna river. It was opened only in the 70s, when Palyeozerskaya hydroelectric power station was built. Here you will also visit a trout farm.

### Next you will get to the landing strip of an abandoned

airfield. During the World war II, this territory was occupied by the Finns. Then you will get to the Poor-Porog location, where you will admire the ancient rocks; their age is several million years. In this place, a new version of the famous soviet film "The dawns here are quiet" was shot.

### Here you will also have a winter picnic: for lunch, you will

taste smoked fish with cranberry sauce, hot tea and cloudberry jam. Then you will return to the base by snowmobiles. From here, you will take the bus to Petrozavodsk. After dinner at the restaurant, you will return home on one of the evening trains.

**The length of the route is 50 km on snowmobiles.**

# Accomodation at the trip

Both nights of the trip you will spend in the **touristic complex**



**"Shishki"** located 85 km from Petrozavodsk. You will stay in double rooms. Each room has a separate entrance from the street, a place for outerwear and shoes, a hallway, a bathroom with a shower cabin and warm floors, a spacious living room, a kitchenette and a loft bedroom. The living room is equipped with an LCD TV, DVD-player, coffee table and sofa, which can comfortably be used as additional seat for two more people. A window in the living room is with a panoramic view of Sundozero.

There is a fridge-freezer, microwave, electric kettle and a dining table with 4 seats in the kitchenette.

There is a restaurant and a Russian bathhouse on the territory of the complex.

# FAQ

## Who will be my guide

English and French-speaking guide will accompany you throughout the tour. During dog-sledding tour and snowmobiling support and your safety is provided by an experienced instructor. Before going on the route, he will teach each participant how to drive a snowmobile.

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## Meals

During the trip you will have three meals per day. Breakfasts and dinners will be served in a cafe in Petrozavodsk or at a tourist complex.

On the first and the third days of the trip you will have a picnic by the fire. Red fish cooked on a log, traditional fish soup with cream (day 1), smoked fish with cranberry sauce (day 3) are waiting for you. On the second day of the program, you will have lunch at a cafe located on the river bank — here you will try 7 types of vendace (northern fish).

Also, during short breaks en route, you will have snacks with hot tea and sandwiches.

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## What equipment is provided

You will drive a snowmobile STELS Vityaz (new lineup of 2020).

Also you will be provided with the following equipment:

- warm windproof overalls
- snowmobile helmets with visors
- balaclavas
- snowmobile shoes
- snowmobile mittens

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## What to bring with me

- documents: passport and ID
- backpack or travel bag
- comfortable warm sports clothing (e.g, ski clothes)
- a set of thermal underwear
- fleece jacket or sweater
- wool socks (2 pairs), textile-socks (2-3 pairs)
- gloves
- a woolen cap
- warm, loose-fitting shoes
- balaclava helmet (for dog sledding)
- comfortable clothes for staying in a tourist complex (sport trousers and a t-shirt)
- slippers
- bathing suit and flip-flops for a bathhouse

- personal cleaners
- hairdryer
- personal aid kit
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### How to get to Petrozavodsk

We recommend the train №018A from Moscow am or train № 012A from St. Petersburg with arrival at 07:50 am and 06:50 am respectively at the first day of the tour. As for return tickets, we recommend the trains departing from Petrozavodsk in the evening.

Also we can advise you to combine this trip with visiting Moscow or St. Petersburg. If you want to add city-tours here, please, leave a comment in the application.

### Can children participate in the trip

Children can participate in this journey. For kids under 12 years old are available, please ask manager for the details.

# Booking

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Duration

from 7 y.o.

from 4 to 16

3 days

Accomodation at the trip

2 nights

from 565 EUR

What's included in the price:

— double accommodation in a tourist complex

— meals as per program

— transport services as per program

— English-speaking guide's and instructors' service

— rent of snowmobiles (double-rider) and necessary equipment, fuel

— dog-sledding tour (10 km)

— excursions in old Karelian villages

— culinary workshop

Extra charge:

— railway tickets to/from Petrozavodsk

— single-rider snowmobile fee (+170 EURO pp)

— accommodation in a single room (+23 EURO pp)

— health insurance (+1 euro per day)

Best price guarantee

Personal tours

Discounts for regular clients

Gift cards